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The Point returns to the '70s and '80s, finding both glory and horror in the past; **PAGE 3**

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# POPULAR

## Stars to announce political ambitions

By Ruby R. Mason  
NEWS EDITOR

"Take Care of Yourself, and Each Other," and "Hasta La Vista, Baby." TV celebrity Jerry Springer and Hollywood celebrity Arnold Schwarzenegger will officially announce their candidacy today.

Jerry is considering a campaign for the U.S. Senate in Ohio, while Arnold will announce his decision on whether or not to run for governor for California.

Jerry is no stranger to the political scene. Prior to his infamous "Jerry Springer Show," he successfully ran for Cincinnati's city council in 1971 and served for five consecutive terms. In 1977, Jerry became mayor of Cincinnati with the most votes in the city's history. He is a former political reporter and news anchor who said he is determined to help revitalize the Democratic Party in Ohio.

Reactions toward Jerry's possible run have been varied and intense. Some say that if he were to run and win that politics in the United States would become a big circus — just like his show. But young people seem to trust Jerry's realness, his creativity, even his guts. Through his show, the TV celebrity offers the underrepresented the opportunity to be heard. Jerry allows people to come to his show to share their outrageous and highly personal stories — something that is not done on other talk shows. At least not to the extent that Jerry has taken it.

As for Arnold, it is rumored that his wife does not want him to run. After months of speculation that the frequent Republican activist would try to terminate the incumbent Democratic California gov-

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## Fun...and how it effects you

By Chuck Soder  
MANAGING EDITOR

By the time they get their degrees Aug. 9, everyone expects English students to expertly weave words, math majors to know numbers and business students to deftly make decisions.

But what about popular culture majors?

Despite what a first impression might say, it takes more than a Trivial Pursuit champion to excel in the University's popular culture program, according to Jeffrey Brown, assistant professor in the world's one-and-only department dedicated to the subject.

Though pop culture courses use what are normally considered less-than-academic texts — comic books and action movies, for example — course work goes beyond memorization.

Pop culture study is about analyzing the effects, positive or negative, that modern entertainment has on modern people, according to Brown.

"Shakespeare's not influencing people the way Eminem is," he said.

Skeptics aren't just limited to parents worried about how their child's hard-earned college savings is being spent. When Brown was studying for his doctorate at the University of Toronto, he faced a different type of critic: a committee of 13 academics looking for justification for his study on black superheroes in comic books.

But when Brown presented his research, the criticism stopped.

"Afterward, [one committee member] said 'this is really good, and I learned something,'" Brown said.

Most people could learn something from the subject, according to Brown, who described how a student who takes a class on sitcoms will start watching them through a different perspective.

"[They'll say] 'wait — this is subtly teaching me something about the world.'"

To major in the subject is "certainly not for everyone," according to the department's Web site. However, students like Gian Bruno, Matt LaRiccia and Melissa Quinones have decided it's for them.

Bruno, who is pursuing a master's in the subject, said he hopes his education will benefit him at a non-profit agency or advocacy group such as the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

Pop culture, he said, is becoming more and more influential on how gays are viewed in society, especially with the popularity of shows like "Will and Grace."

"It's creating visibility," he said. "To a degree, it's good."

But "Will and Grace" could have a negative effect if, for example, viewers start thinking all gay men are as effeminate as Jack, one of the show's main characters.

Bruno described what the inattentive mind might learn from Jack: "Look, he's really flamboyant."

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Emily Hois BG News

**POP ART:** The sculpture by the Fine Arts Building, top, is made entirely of cans from the BGSU recycling center. "Inner Life," below left, and "Fruition I," right, are both in Jerome Library.

## Why did we do the Pop Culture issue? Because we can

Being that this is the last issue of The BG News for the summer, we wanted to do something special. Everyone appreciates popular culture, especially since it affects everyone everyday — positively, negatively or otherwise.

Popular culture includes the arenas of music, movies, television and politics. We all take interest in certain famous people, whether they be our favorite singers, actors or comedians, and knowing about their lives becomes important to us. Feeling connected to celebrities can console and sometimes connect people to the fame and glory of being a star. It can also influence us in ways we don't expect.

Anyway, it's important to a lot of people — and BGSU. So read about it and learn something.

## Goth culture, art prevalent in BG

By Sarah Cox  
GUEST REPORTER

Gothic fashions and lifestyles have gotten recent attention since a self-proclaimed Gothic teen from New Jersey was caught with rifles and intent to kill students. However, two local Goths point out that violent behavior is not typical of young people involved in the Gothic scene.

"I do not believe [Gothic music] led to this type of behavior," said junior, Andrew Balcerzak, who is a disc jockey and founder of IGE, the Industrial Gothic Experimental music department at WBGU 88.1 FM. "I really want to avoid the cliché that only depressed people and mentally unstable individuals are Gothic."

"These kids may like spooky stuff," said Aaron Bordner, who has been writing Gothic comic

books for 10 years, "but they are watching cartoons like Dragon Ball Z. That kid from New Jersey probably had family problems at home. I'd be more inclined to blame his parents."

Lovett, 18, and two other teenagers were arrested on charges that they plotted to kill teens and other random people with rifles, a shotgun, several handguns, swords and 2,000 rounds of ammunition. Oaklyn teenagers said Lovett dressed in black and was sometimes armed with a bat, practiced martial arts and had compiled a list of his enemies since elementary school.

According to wikipedia.com, an online encyclopedia, Goth is a subculture that gained visibility in the punk era in the 1970s. It is often associated with a particular style of music and dress, characterized by divergent

beliefs and outlook. Some say Goth is largely defined by androgyny, black clothes or hair dye, death, darkness, depression, horror, nihilism or sensuality.

"Certainly there is a fixation with dark subjects. For some of these people, it is a way to identify and create a personal identity for themselves," Balcerzak said. "The more you get into it, the less mainstream it becomes."

Balcerzak, also known as DJ Haz-Mat, started the department a year ago, making IGE the only music genre to receive block programming seven days a week on WBGU. They air from midnight until 2 or 3 a.m. IGE aims to play many sub-genres and styles, include rock, ethereal and romantic.

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Drawing by Aaron Bordner

## Culture researched on campus

Popular culture was a focus of several of the 38 competitive papers presented at the National Communication Association Doctoral Honors Seminar at BGSU. The School of Communication Studies hosted the event from Aug. 3-6, which gathered top scholars and doctoral students from the US and UK.

University President Sidney Ribeau, himself an Interpersonal Communication scholar, gave welcoming remarks. "This seminar is an important moment for us ... to exchange ideas, engage in intellectual discovery, and shape the communication discipline for the future."

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# Pop culture affects all

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I guess all gay men are really flamboyant."

The academic side of such analysis is often unclear to the uninitiated, according to Bruno.

"People think I'm getting my master's in Britney Spears," he said.

In reality, pop culture study is relevant to more people than most subjects because it affects everyone everyday, he added. "How applicable is calculus to someone who works at McDonald's?"

The subject's relevance convinced LaRiccia to major in pop culture.

It's so important because people spend money on it, he said.

"People don't just work for food anymore," he said. "They find entertainment a need. We study this phenomenon of consumption."

LaRiccia plans to work behind the scenes somewhere in the entertainment industry when he graduates in May 2004. But that's not what he always tells those curious about his future in the field.

"I usually just make a joke about it and tell them I'm going to be the comic book guy from 'The Simpsons,'" he said.

Quinones told the subject has broadened her views by exposing her to parts of culture that she

considered herself sheltered from. But some close to her don't see the benefits of pop culture courses, she said.

"I always get 'why do you study something that you could learn off MTV?'" she said.

After graduating in May 2005, she plans to earn a master's in College Student Personnel and work with students at the University level.

Other majors in the subject have gone on to work at the Emmy Awards, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Marvel Comics, according to Brown. Others work in museums, photographic firms and in the media, according to the department Web site.

# 'Goth' style may mean dark, but not always 'sad'

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"The bottom line of Gothic rock is that there's darkness associated with it," DJ Haz-Mat said. "Anything that has those minor chord progressions tends to evoke a sense of foreboding, and that is largely employed in this kind of music. There's a dark, aesthetic value to it, both in content and the way the music sounds."

"I always liked that spooky feeling," Bordner said. "People want to do something different and Gothic is it." Bordner has written many short series Gothic comic books for Sirius Entertainment based in New York City. He describes his style as "dark and gloomy" and his topics include "broken dreams and regrets." Some of his comic book series include "Mazy Devil," "The Veil," "Gothic Creed" and "Kreeky Playground."

His comic books are distributed in bookstores Westfield and Borders. They can also be ordered online at [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com).

For some in Bowling Green, Gothic lifestyle is only a part-time act while others live a consistent Gothic lifestyle. All ends of the spectrum come out on Wednesdays at Uptown when the club sponsors IGUN, Industrial Gothic Underground Night. Another popular night is

Saturday at the Cla-Zel Theatre for the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

"Normally, I dress like the Abercrombie kid as an everyday thing," 19-year-old Lisa Lefevre, a University sophomore at IGUN, said. Her nails were black, and she wore an undershirt with suspenders.

"The kids that go up there on Wednesday nights are no different from the crowd up there on any other night, save for the fact they all shop at Hot Topic," Bordner said. Bordner wore baggy shorts with chains on one side. He also wore a spiked collar. His hair is shaved up on both sides, and he has a tattoo of a spiral one inch in diameter on each side above his ears.

"I don't really consider myself a freak, but whatever," DJ Haz-Mat said. Although he said he is more into industrial music, the dark side still shows by means of his black t-shirt.

Outside of Uptown on Wednesday night, the most popular color was black, but hot colors like pink and blue were in the hair of three. Many wore black combat boots or undershirts. One girl wore a black leather cat suit. A few men wore black nail polish and makeup.

"I've just always liked the way black looks," said "Gumby" a University junior, as he stood outside Uptown Wednesday night. "I've never felt very

acquainted with normal fashion." She wore dark makeup and fishnets with chunky boots.

Overall, attendants said the crowd at IGUN and the Cla-Zel is nonjudgmental and nonviolent.

"Coming up here is kind of like Halloween every Wednesday," Lefevre said.

But for students who do feel tormented, Gothic or not, the University Counseling Center offers a variety of services.

"In general, it can help for people to be aware of certain warning signs in others and of how to intervene when such warning signs are present," said Craig Vickio, clinical psychologist and director of the Counseling Center.

Warning signs, he said, include demonstrating a marked decline in areas of judgment, decision-making ability, motivation, hygiene or grooming. Vickio also said to look out for those who have significant changes in mood, energy level, weight or speech patterns.

To help troubled students, the Counseling Center has a liaison office in McDonald Quadrangle. "One of our psychologists devotes time each week to interacting with residential students and hall staff," Vickio said. They also offer workshops, set up an informational table at O-Reg, and publish information in "Stall Talk" and other campus publications.

# Arnold, Jerry to voice plans

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ernor, Gray Davis, at next year's election, a Schwarzenegger representative formally dismissed any political plotting in the near future. It is said that family and film obligations will keep him tied up at least through 2004.

The actor is probably best known for his performances in the "Terminator" series. Some think Arnold is a powerful candidate for governor, should he decide to run. The Hollywood celebrity has accomplishments in charity and business that would make him a formidable candidate for California's highest office, even if his political inexperience makes it difficult to guess what kind of governor he would ultimately be.

mately be.

So what is it with celebrities and politics today? Springer has been there, done that and moved way on. Arnold, on the other hand, has no political experience. Some think Jerry has no chance of winning one of Ohio's senator seats while others are scared that he will win if he runs. Many believe that Arnold has a great chance of winning as governor of California, but are doubtful about his ability to succeed in politics.

Brent B. Nicholson, chair/associate professor of legal studies, thinks celebrities shouldn't be precluded or degraded just because they desire to participate in the political process.

"It comes down to their qualification, positions on issues and interests that they manifest in the

positions they're seeking," he said.

Angela Nelson, chair of the popular culture department, said that it's an interesting move on the part of these celebrities.

"Nowadays, celebrities have become bolder and are not afraid to make their personal beliefs known. We have a new breed of celebrities. An issue, however, is that it is going to be difficult for them to separate themselves from the popular culture that they're known for," Nelson said.

"Politics is a serious matter and people are concerned about how these celebrities will prove themselves. My concern is that people may vote for them simply because of their name and not on the true issues," Nelson added.

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Cara Zaveleta, of Bowling Green, was voted off "Road Rules" last night, ending her reign as Bowling Green's claim to fame. Zaveleta was voted off after the group on the road-trip based reality show on MTV failed to complete two of their missions. Zaveleta returned to Bowling Green in May, the week before episodes of the current Road Rules season began to air May 26.

## THE POINT

# Pointing Backward

A look back at the popular world from a time before exams, debt and, uh, SARS

## E.T.: the galaxy's worst video game

Whether or not you play video games, I encourage you to hate Steven Spielberg's "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" for the Atari 2600. It is, without doubt, the world's worst video game. Tragedy in a cartridge.

Don't let nostalgia fool you. If E.T. and Atari in any way remind you of picnics, sleepovers or any other form of blissful childhood tomfoolery, be

warned. This game is bent on ruining those sweet memories of youth. If you value your happiness — and soul — read these reasons why to avoid this tragic game.

The game's first flaw: You never have any idea what you're doing, how to do it, why you'd

E.T., PAGE 5

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tars, and theatrical arrangements, the album's darker rock numbers like "It Ain't Easy," "Moonage Daydream," "Ziggy Stardust" and the enticing "Sufragette City," still serve as journeys into the future of rock.

The lighthearted "Hang on to Yourself" and the wistful "Star" offer hints of optimism in Ziggy's bleak world. From the piano-led magnificence of "Lady Stardust" to plain old



dirty riffage of "Sufragette City," Bowie's creative genius shines.

Each song on Ziggy is perfectly placed, and each note in precise position. Ziggy Stardust is one of those CDs that are timeless and can be played over and over again, song by song.

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## 10 unsung '80s movies

By Andrea Wilhelm  
THE POINT REPORTER

With every listing of the top movies of the '80s, the same films are always included in the lists. All too often you hear of The Goonies.

Ghostbusters, Gremlins, Back To The Future or any of the John Hughes movies (i.e. Breakfast Club, Sixteen Candles). This list, however, gives you the summaries of some movies you may or may not have seen. This list is comprised entirely of some of my own personal '80s favorites.

**#1. Labyrinth** — My favorite childhood movie of all time. This Jim Henson film tells the story of a young girl, played by Jennifer Connelly, who must solve a giant labyrinth to rescue her baby brother from the Goblin King, played excellently by David Bowie. This enchanting fantasy adventure bears the tagline: Where everything seems possible and nothing is what it seems.

**#2. The Never Ending Story** — Another great fantasy adventure film. In this movie, a young boy in search of a friend dives into an extraordinary fantasy world through the pages of a mysterious book and finds a world that needs a hero in a land beyond imagination.

**#3. SpaceCamp** — This action/adventure tells the story of young attendees of a space camp who find themselves in space for real when their shuttle is accidentally launched into orbit. This film contains the early work of Lea Thompson, Kelly Preston, Joaquin Phoenix and Tate Donovan.

**#4. Little Monsters** — The plot of this movie is that a child, played by Fred Savage, meets the monster, played by Howie Mandel, that lives under his bed. He even becomes one of his best

friends. Soon the child discovers a whole new world of fun and games under his bed where pulling pranks on kids and other monsters is the main attraction.


**#5. Can't Buy Me Love** — This romantic comedy tells the story of nerdy Ronald Miller, played by Patrick Dempsey, who is through with being a loser. He makes a deal with one of the most popular girls in school to help him break into the "cool" clique. As an added bonus, Ronald's little, annoying brother is played by a young Seth Green.

**#6. Mannequin** — This romantic comedy/sci-fi combination follows the story of a young artist who builds a mannequin so perfect that he falls in love with it. After the mannequin ends up in a store window, strange things begin happening and the mannequin comes to life as Emmy, who was an ancient Egyptian living in the year 2514 B.C. Brat-packer Andrew McCarthy plays the young artist and Sex & The City's Kim Cattrall plays Emmy.

**#7. Girls Just Want To Have Fun** — Another Sex & The City staple, Sarah Jessica Parker, stars in this comedic movie about love and dancing. A sort of "Dirty Dancing" for teens, Helen Hunt also stars in this film as the quirky best friend to Parker. Jonathan Silverman and Shannen Doherty also star.

**#8. My Science Project** — Cop: "Hey kid. Why do you wear sunglasses at night?" Vince: "Because when you're cool, the sun shines on you 24 hours a day." One of my favorite '80s movie quotes is just one reason to see this sci-fi flick. Another is to see Dennis Hopper as a stoner hippie fresh from Woodstock.

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## OPINION

## A major in pop culture is limited

Some may scoff at pop culture majors, calling them poor scholars who are either lazy students looking for an easy degree or are simply nerds who want to get a degree writing about the comics books they got teased about for reading in their basements. Those of us that are a little more educated on the matter consider them to be highly intelligent and avidly observant translators for the wide-ranging and, at times, incoherent language of our amusingly confused culture. It is

fairly obvious to those that really think about it that the study of our media, art and overall style(s) of communication is deeply relevant to our understanding of what is ultimately a representation of ourselves. Popular culture is an underrated field that rightfully ranks with history, communication analysis, anthropology and even political science in terms of the skills developed and the value of research. It actually encompasses these areas and more depending on personal

focus, which demonstrates the sheer richness of the field for those that choose to enter it.

With all this said about popular culture, there is also a disclaimer for those who may have stars in their eyes after reading the previous paragraph: look before you leap. As valuable as this field is, the practical issues regarding it need to be addressed. The advantage of popular culture studies is that it has the range to be relevant in most any vocation to an extent.

The disadvantage is that, on its own, the major will rarely stand up to one with greater distinctiveness and focus on the job market. The exception, of course, is if you are intending to teach pop culture at a university or to become an author, where you can publish your research for mass profit. In this case, taking pop culture as a major is a no-brainer. If you are interested in going into another field such as marketing or history, it would be wiser to major in one of those

particular fields if you would like a better chance of prompt employment.

But do not despair; there is hope yet. As we mentioned before, popular culture is an area that has wide enough range to reach most any field. What this means is that even though marketing may be your actual major, popular culture can still serve as a good minor or even double major, with you using your pop culture knowledge (which you have presumably tailored to fit

your marketing focus) to broaden your perspective in the business office and give greater depth to your expertise. The same would go for history majors looking to deepen the analysis of whatever historical artifacts may be in focus. Popular culture is a great supporting field for virtually anyone.

Finally, we would like to emphasize that while popular culture is a valuable and even necessary element of our education, one should its limits.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Think smart: study more

Which country (a) pioneered the production of all types of WMDs known to man? (b) is the foremost distributor of WMDs in the world? (c) has the highest gun ownership of its population on earth? (d) the only country that has used the atom bomb? and (e) has a leader who not only believes in saying "shoot first and then talk", but also, "come on bring 'em on"?

Now who has more right to talk about preemptive strikes? We, or the rest of the world who have every reason to fear us. Either we don't know these solid facts, which is a pity, or we are all living under some strange hypnosis that has totally deprived us from asking the right questions. Our freedom will be more served and saved if we read more than the sports page and study more history - in fact make it compulsory like math in the curriculum - and by electing leaders who can fashion a smarter foreign policy. At present the doctor in the house doesn't care to know

what causes the disease (terrorism) but will keep attacking its symptoms all over the world with the most powerful drug he can lay his hands on without even checking about their side effects! Common sense tells us that you cannot just bomb terrorism into oblivion. You have to have the insight, knowledge, experience and above all the wisdom to address its root causes instead of taking decisions twisted by the lobby.

V. N. KRISHNAN  
Professor Emeritus of Economics

## People should vote for Arnold



KEITH J. POWELL  
Columnist

Early last week I was told that this issue of The BG News would be a theme issue centered around that which has earned Bowling Green both notoriety and acclaim, Pop Culture. Anyone who has read my column this summer will recognize that this presented somewhat of a problem for me, as my column has nothing whatsoever to do with Pop Culture. For a while I was really stumped, and then it came to me, as obvious as a 6'2" man with a heavy Austrian accent, Arnold Schwarzenegger the Governor.

Everyone thinks I'm joking when I say I'd love to see Schwarzenegger run for California's top office, but I'd like to take this opportunity to set the record straight once and for all and say that I'd honestly love to see Arnold run for governor. I say that with no trace of sarcasm. To explain why Schwarzenegger would be such a blessing to California allow me to briefly rehash a past column. The California governor recall is one giant debacle that has the potential to get much worse before it gets better.

In theory this recall effort has paved the way for an endless

series of elections and recalls, if the Democrats win the Republicans push for a recall, if the Republicans win the Democrats push for a recall, and so on and so on until the end of time. Schwarzenegger, however, could very well be a silver lining to this said set of events because in a very real sense he is a compromise between the two parties.

Schwarzenegger is a Republican in a state that is traditionally extremely liberal, however he is an extremely moderate Republican, financially conservative but socially liberal. Schwarzenegger is a pro-choice political outsider, who supports gun control, gay adoption, and was publicly quoted as saying he was "embarrassed to be a Republican during the Clinton impeachment." Not to mention that, given who Schwarzenegger is and how he made his money, it is unlikely that he is going to come out in favor of increased media censorship at any time in the near future. This is a chance for both sides to claim victory; the Republicans will have succeeded in replacing a disastrously unsuccessful governor with one of their own, and the Democrats will receive the benefit of a political outsider who according to his platform would be willing to side with them on key issues.

Both sides win; everyone gets

to go home happy because no side can claim a clear victory and yet no side can claim a total defeat. Perhaps best of all, Schwarzenegger on the ballot could get a new generation, entrenched in apathy, aware of what's happening in politics once again. After all, if Arnold runs not only Californians but also the entire Nation is likely to be treated to "the Arnold Show," as his campaign will no doubt dominate the news. In addition, the man knows how to reach the people - rather than call a typical press conference, Schwarzenegger has opted to announce his decision regarding his candidacy on this tonight's Leno.

The Republicans would be fools not to push Schwarzenegger to run, but in the long run they need him more than he needs them. Americans love celebrities and has a history of electing them to office. Actor Clint Eastwood served as mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea, professional wrestler Jesse Ventura served as governor of Minnesota, actor Ronald Reagan was elected both governor of California and president of the United States, and the fact of the matter is that all the polls say the same thing. If Arnold wants to be governor of California, the job is his for the taking.

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

*Who is your biggest obsession in popular culture and why?*



BEN STITELER  
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*"Hugh Hefner. He lives the life I dream of."*



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*"Michelle Kwan, because she's constantly evolving, and I think change is good."*



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*Christina Aguilera; she gained weight and dyed her hair and is still pretty."*



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SENIOR, PUBLIC RELATIONS

*"Marilyn Monroe, she changed the view of women's sexuality."*

## Certain comedians just have that touch



MATT SUSSMAN  
Humor Columnist

When you think of comedians, you do not think of me. This is a very healthy sign. If you look up to me in terms of the humorous arts, you have nothing to shoot for. Look higher.

Look very high into the sky and see Bob Hope smiling at you from heaven. Or look into the depths of Hades and see Sam Kinison yelling and screaming in your general direction. He might be yelling because George Carlin will be joining him soon.

You can argue with me, but no matter how perverted the man becomes, George Carlin will always be, in my eyes, the most thought provoking stand-up comedian to date. This is what Carlin told us: there are some words you cannot say all of the time, and nobody, from a kid's parents to the FCC, will tell you which words they are.

"You have to say them to find out what they are," Carlin reminds us. Aside from being a thorn in the government's philosophy, much of his earlier stand-up was just plain goofy.

"So, have you noticed there aren't many Chinese people named Rusty? I guess that name never caught on over there."

Today, he is an angry, angry comedian with angry, angry comedy. The only other "angry comedian" who comes close to Carlin's style is the vein-popping Lewis Black.

The next man on my list of greatest stand-up comics would be the monotonous Steven Wright. A couple of you may not know who this fellow is, but the confusion is normally cleared up when I tell you he played the "guy on the couch" from the movie "Half Baked."

Steven Wright is the king of random one-liners, such as his thoughts on 24-hour banking ("I don't have time for that"). He also claims to have had several jobs, such as "a narrator for bad mimes," "a proofreader for a sky-writing company," and an employee at a fire-hydrant facto-

ry, but he "couldn't park anywhere near the place."

Whereas Carlin has a dozen CDs out for sale, Wright only made one, entitled "I Have A Pony." Go and buy it, then let me borrow it, because I lost my copy. In it, he admits, "Curiosity killed the cat, but for a while, I was a suspect."

Robin Williams wasn't always a serious actor, kids. He also didn't always dress up as 60-year old nannies, provide the voice for the Genie of the Lamp, or invent Flubber. No, he had some outrageous stand-up back in the day. His comedy was loud and hyper. He was Jim Carrey with hairy arms. He once said, "Golf is the one sport where a white man can dress like a black pimp and not look bad."

When it comes to golf jokes, nobody comes close to Bob Hope. Not even Dorf. Now, Bob Hope is way past my time. I mean, when I was born, he was past the average life expectancy. I only heard for the first time some of his golf humor on SportsCenter the day he died. He often joked about his horrible golf game, saying that he normally golfed in the 70s, because, "if it was any hotter, I wouldn't go." At the ripe old age of 100, many said he was the most famous American icon at the time of his death, but I wouldn't have known that, being a young whippersnapper.

If I had to pick one more favorite comedian, it would be Gallagher, not just because he turns watermelons into Kool-Aid using a sledgehammer, but because his stand-up is a peg below Carlin's line of thinking.

He didn't know why kids would go to school, "a place where they learned to communicate, and all they said was 'No talking!'" Of course, flattening a newspaper dispenser with the Sledge-O-Matic will always get a cheap laugh. For some reason, the greatest comedians are bald. I don't know why, but everybody I mentioned, except Robin Williams (whose hairline has merely receded), has very little cranial insulation. It could be something scientific, but perhaps their senses of humor are strong enough to take a zinger every now and then.

I hope I go bald.

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## Overlooked '80s classics still enjoyable nowadays

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The plot surrounds Michael and Ellie who break into a military junkyard to find a science project for Michael's class and discover a strange glowing orb which absorbs electricity. When the orb begins to blend past, present, and future, it's up to Michael and Ellie to stop the orb and save mankind.

**#9. Say Anything...** — Everything written by Cameron Crowe is pure genius and this movie is no exception. John

Cusack plays Lloyd, a noble underachiever who falls in love with the beautiful valedictorian the summer before she leaves for college. The plot follows the hardships they must endure, mainly because of her father, played by John Mahoney. The scene where Cusack lifts a stereo playing Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes" over his head outside his girlfriend's window will pop into your head every time you hear the song after seeing this movie.

**#10. Beetlejuice** — A master-

piece from director Tim Burton, I'm sure most of you have seen this quintessential movie of the '80s, but if not — go see it! In this movie a couple of recently deceased ghosts contract the services of a "bio-exorcist" in order to remove the obnoxious new owners of their house. Stars include Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, Catherine O'Hara, a young Winona Ryder, and Michael Keaton as Beetlejuice. Watch for the "Day-O" and "Jump in the Line (Shake Shake Senora)" scenes. Hilarious!

### HEART

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mother, contains a pulsing bass and Ann and Nancy's vocals highlighting the second part of the song.

Another great, "Crazy On You," is faster than "Magic Man" and is a classic rock staple. The guitar accompaniment to the stunning vocals is more than remarkable.

Dreamboat Annie also shows the softer side of Heart. The title track, for example, is an easy-listening, harmony-filled folk song complete with banjo strumming.

Dreamboat Annie is a terrific balance between pounding rock 'n' roll and folk-style music. Often noted as "Zeppelin's little sister," Heart is exactly what it stands for and the music is full of it.

— Andrea Wilhelm

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— Chuck Soder

## Old school Atari E.T. game falls way, way, way, way short of standards set by Spielberg blockbuster

E.T., FROM PAGE 3

want to, or who the hell is responsible for creating this black hole of fun. To summarize the adventure, you walk E.T. to a gray area, then a blue one, and he finally falls in some hole and dies. If, by miracle, you escape this random, unavoidable hole, slug yourself in the nards. E.T. would rather die in peace. Really.

The holes don't even look like holes — the graphics are so bad it's hard to tell anything from a hole in the ground. "Graphics" is the wrong word here. "Crap" works better. Most of this "crap"

is just blobs of red, blue, green and, uh, red.

E.T. himself is yellow. I guess Atari's programmers had no time to color the alien a realistic brown — that's what happens when you make a game during a 30-minute lunch break. Yeah, Spielberg's name is on the box, but I've seen fifth-grade Christmas pageants with better special effects.

To be fair, the game has some kickin' tunes straight from the movie — but only at the title screen and when you die. It's odd that the game's only perk makes you want E.T. to die. Dido for the downsides.

Luckily, E.T. does plenty of dying. He dies like crazy. He's dead six times before you press "start." You'll press "off" before he dies again. Beating the game requires a hammer.

And without the instruction booklet, the game makes about as much sense as the Rosetta Stone. Of course, each manual was programmed to disintegrate on October 20, 1984, which strangely coincided with warranty expiration dates and a pizza party at Atari headquarters.

Why make the game so difficult — and incomprehensible? I can only assume the end of the game presents the player with

some sort of "Kill President" option. An unbeatable game might've been the only way to save Reagan from another bullet. I never beat the game, but that's not the tragedy. Buying it was.

In the summer of 1987, at the tender age of six, I was tricked into a purchase by the wistful faces of Elliott and his homesick friend on the cartridge cover.

"E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" should've stayed where I found it — in the 50-cent bin at my cousin Neil's garage sale. I could have bought an RC Cola or some Zebra Cakes for that much.

Thankfully, my copy of the game now rests in a landfill in Alamogordo, New Mexico alongside 600,000 others. But if that game were still in stores I'd buy as many copies as possible just so kids wouldn't find it under the Christmas tree.

I was once lured by the alien's heart-warming grimace. I warn you to avoid such a fate — "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" for the Atari 2600 has made my life solemn and dark. When E.T. flew home, he should've taken this game with him.

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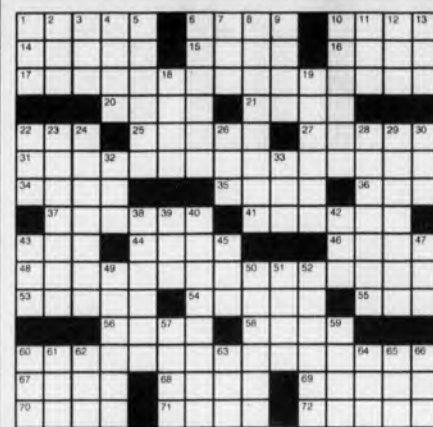
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## ACROSS

1 Longs demonstratively  
6 Circle segments  
10 Down Under greeting  
14 Lucky people?  
15 Car or machine starter  
16 Yesteryear  
17 Mrs. Gore's footwear?  
20 Blackthorn  
21 Important times  
22 Frequently, in poems  
25 Flower holders  
27 Greedy swallows  
31 Esiason's undies?  
34 Globes  
35 Musical group  
36 Old hand  
37 Stitches loosely  
41 Freed from a habit  
43 Chest muscle, for short  
44 "Sopranos" star Falco  
46 "Dies"  
48 Buddy's coats?

53 du seigneur  
54 Money lending  
55 Balmoral Castle's river  
56 Mets' park  
58 Slangy denial  
60 Tony's undies?  
67 Keystone State port  
68 Stout's Wolfe  
69 In the dark  
70 Beatty and Buntline  
71 Hubbubs  
72 Flower of Paris?

## ANSWERS



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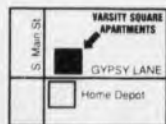
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